

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-6 and 11-21 without prejudice or disclaimer as to their subject matter, amend claim 7 and newly add claims 22-37 by this amendment as follows:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

1 7. (Currently Amended) A method of making a packing crate, comprising ~~the steps of~~:
2 folding over a strip at an edge of a first stack of paper;
3 applying an adhesive to said folded over portion of said first stack of paper;
4 placing said folded edge with adhesive in contact with an edge of a second stack of paper;
5 and
6 sewing said folded edge of said first stack to said second stack.

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, said sewing being done after application of said
2 adhesive and before said adhesive fully dries.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein a tab is formed at one end of said strip
2 enabling a person to undo said sewing.

Claims 10-21. (Canceled)

1 22. (New) A packing crate, comprising:
2 a first portion;
3 a second portion;
4 thread adapted to join together via stitches the first portion to the second portion; and
5 an adhesive also adapted to join together the first portion to the second portion and an air
6 tight and moisture tight seal.

1 23. (New) The packing crate of claim 22, the adhesive being arranged at a same location
2 where the thread stitches are located.

1 24. (New) The packing crate of claim 23, the first portion and the second portion each
2 comprising reinforced building paper.

1 25. (New) The packing crate of claim 23, the first portion and the second portion each
2 being a stack of reinforced building paper.

1 26. (New) The packing crate of claim 23, each of the first portion and the second portion
2 being perforated by a plurality of apertures where the thread stitching is located, the plurality of
3 apertures in each of the first portion and the second portion being filled with said adhesive.

1 27. (New) The packing crate of claim 22, the thread stitching ending in a tab that is easily

2 pulled and unraveled by a person.

1 28. (New) The packing crate of claim 22, a strip of said first portion being folded over,
2 said folded over strip of said first portion being joined to said second portion by said thread and
3 said adhesive.

1 29. (New) The packing crate of claim 22, said packing crate being produced by a process
2 comprising:

3 folding over said strip at an edge of said first portion, said first portion comprising paper;
4 applying an adhesive to said folded over strip of said first portion;
5 placing said folded strip of said first portion having said adhesive in contact with an edge
6 of said second portion, said second portion comprising paper; and
7 sewing said folded strip of said first portion to said second portion, said sewing being
8 done after application of said adhesive and before said adhesive fully dries.

1 30. (New) The packing crate of claim 22, the crate being an enclosed structure.

1 31. (New) The packing crate of claim 22, the adhesive comprising a synthetic resin.

1 32. (New) A packing crate, comprising:
2 a front portion comprising a stack of paper;

3 side portions comprising a stack of paper;
4 thread, in the form of stitches, the thread perforating both the front portion and the side
5 portions and being adapted to attach the front portion to the side portions; and
6 an adhesive arranged at said stitches, the adhesive being adapted to also attach the front
7 portion to the side portions, wherein both the front portion and the side portions are perforated by
8 a plurality of apertures, each aperture having the thread passing therethrough, each aperture being
9 filled with said adhesive, said packing crate being completely enclosed and air tight.

1 33. (New) The packing crate of claim 32, the packing crate also being water tight.

1 34. (New) The packing crate of claim 32, the adhesive comprising a synthetic resin.

1 35. (New) The packing crate of claim 32, wherein both said adhesive and said thread each
2 being adapted to prevent said front portion from being separated from said side portions.

1 36. (New) The packing crate of claim 32, said packing crate being produced by a process
2 comprising:

3 applying said adhesive to strips of said side portions;
4 joining together strips of said side portions to said front portion;
5 sewing together said side portions to said front portion using said thread, said sewing
6 occurring before said adhesive fully dries allowing said adhesive to fill said apertures; and

7 allowing said adhesive to fully dry.

1 37. (New) The packing crate of claim 32, the thread stitching ending in a tab that is easily
2 pulled and unraveled by a person.